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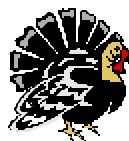
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## NATIONAL TURKEY MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

### DOMESTIC MARKET HIGHLIGHTS



The market tone was steady to instances fully steady on 8-16 lb. hens and 16-24 lb. toms. No trading reported. Offerings and demand was moderate. Bulk meats and bulk parts activity was light to moderate. Demand was mixed with the most interest on fresh mechanically separated turkey.

### EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Trading centered on tom drums, full-cut wings and v-type wings with the balance of items inactive. Demand was light to moderate with inquiry noted from Asia and Russia. Supplies were adequate.

**WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS**, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS) **MARCH 03, 2005**

	CURRENT SHIPMENTS 2/				FORWARD SHIPMENTS 6/			OPEN COMMITMENTS 7/	
	OFFERS	SALES	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER
8-16 LB HENS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	64	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	63-64	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	64-65	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	62-64	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	62	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	62-63	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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WESTERN REGION 5/	64-65	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	62-64	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	62	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	62-63	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

1/ May include product stored at temperatures in range of 1 to 25 degrees F. 2/ Includes product priced for shipment within 14 days. 3/ Includes product with 3 percent broth basting. 4/ Includes product with 3-6 percent broth basting. 5/ Includes products with 6 percent broth basting. 6/ Includes product committed for pricing during the previous 24 hours but shipment in more than 14 days from date of commitment. 7/ Includes product committed during previous 24 hours at prices to be determined at later date.

**WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES FOR WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS**, FROZEN CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS)

WEEK OF MARCH 04, 2005	CURRENT WEEK	LAST WEEK	SAME WEEK YEAR AGO	MONTH OF FEBRUARY	CURRENT MONTH	LAST MONTH	SAME MONTH YEAR AGO
8-16 LB HENS				8-16 LB HENS			
EASTERN REGION	64.00 **	64.80	62.70 **	EASTERN REGION	65.34	67.63	61.61
CENTRAL REGION	64.00	64.00	61.50	CENTRAL REGION	64.63	67.15	61.00
WESTERN REGION	64.70 **	65.00 **	63.00 **	WESTERN REGION	65.82	68.80	62.08
16-24 LB TOMS				16-24 LB TOMS			
EASTERN REGION	64.00	62.00	61.40 **	EASTERN REGION	62.63	63.65	58.89
CENTRAL REGION	62.00 **	62.00 **	59.00	CENTRAL REGION	62.08	62.85	58.18
WESTERN REGION	62.70 **	63.00 **	58.00	WESTERN REGION	63.08	64.23	59.05

\*\*BASED ON OFFERS

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED TURKEY,  
DELIVERED TO RETAILERS**

	<u>RANGE</u>
FRESH TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	88-96
FRESH TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	88-96
FROZEN TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	66-71
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	66-71
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-28#	65-74

**SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED TURKEY  
DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS**

	<u>RANGE</u>
TURKEYS Y HENS	105-123
TURKEYS Y TOMS UNDER 22#	99-123
TURKEYS Y TOMS 22-24#	99-116
TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-26#	98-120
TURKEYS Y TOMS 26 LBS & OVER	98-122

**NATIONAL FRESH TURKEYS -**

U.S. GRADE A, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS

(prices reflect turkeys with timers) Week of 07-MAR-2005

Price (cents/lb.)	Volume (lbs.)
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**PRICED AT TIME OF SALE**

8-16 lbs.	78.09	578,300
16-24 lbs.	76.26	226,800

**PRICE TO BE DETERMINED**

8-16 lbs.	--	10,000
16-24 lbs.	--	5,000

Total Volume:	820,100
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**TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED IN FEDERALLY INSPECTED PLANTS**

W/E 26-Feb-2005 BY GEOGRAPHICAL AREAS (PRELIMINARY)

		<u>YOUNG TURKEYS</u>		<u>TOTAL TURKEYS</u>	
		<u>PCT</u>	<u>AVG</u>	<u>OLD</u>	<u>AVG</u>
		<u>CHG</u>	<u>LIVE</u>	<u>BANDED</u>	<u>LIVE</u>
		<u>PW</u>	<u>WT</u>	<u>-THOUSAND HEAD-</u>	<u>WT</u>
North East	739	1	23.56	(A)	739
South Atlantic	587	6	36.07	(A)	587
North Central	1,877	-2	33.68	(A)	1,877
South Central	448	-2	22.33	(A)	448
West	295	-1	23.83	(A)	295
U.S. total	3,946(B)	0	30.11	0	3,946
To-date					
2005	32,548(B)			32	32,580
To-date					
2004	33,224(B)			57	33,281

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: this week 32,000; for the current year to date 242,000; for last year to date 280,000.

**TURKEY MOVEMENT TREND (IN THOUSAND POUNDS)**

Slaughter-certified ready-to-cook turkeys

January	424,013*
February 1-26, 2005	367,027*

To date 2005	791,040*
To date 2004	752,216*

\*Preliminary

**LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION**

W/E 26-Feb-2005

	<u>YOUNG</u>		<u>YOUNG</u>	<u>OLD</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
	<u>HENS</u>	<u>TOMS</u>	<u>BREEDERS</u>		<u>TURKEYS</u>
	<u>Thousands</u>				
Head	1,473	2,441	32	0	3,946
Avg Wt	16.17	38.60	24.76	0.00	30.11
Last week	1,427	2,489	38	7	3,961
Same wk yr ago	1,744	2,466	34	9	4,253
Avg Wt	15.76	36.46	26.75	34.18	27.89
To-date/2005	12,233	20,073	242	32	32,580
To-date/2004	13,468	19,476	280	57	33,281

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**NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT, FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 03 MARCH 2005.**

The market tone on fresh tom breast meat was barely steady to instances fully steady, mostly steady; frozen tom breast meat steady to fully steady; balance of white meat steady at best. Demand on fresh tom breast meat light to instances moderate with improved interest starting to be noted from Canada, frozen light to moderate. Inquiry on the balance of white meat was light to moderate, mostly light. Offerings of fresh tom breast meat light to fully adequate, mostly adequate; frozen tom breast light to adequate and held with confidence; balance of white meat mixed with supplies varying by processor. Trading was moderate on white meat and fresh thigh meat, balance slow. Fresh breast trim traded at 142-144 delivered domestic and fries at 225 cents delivered export.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/		R	97.00	40
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A--FRESH 2/		F	101.86	210
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/				
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	39.00		39.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, TOM--FRESH	40.00		40.00	120
DRUMSTICKS, HEN		W	40.00	6
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	37.00-38.00		37.50	160
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN				
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		W	48.18	88
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		W	89.00	40
NECKS, TOM		W	19.00	120
NECKS, HEN				
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/	152.00-156.00		152.80	100
BREASTS, B/S, TOM--FRESH 3/	149.00-154.00		151.00	180
THIGH MEAT		F	89.00	20
THIGH MEAT--FRESH	93.00-94.00		93.20	200
BREAST TRIM MEAT	138.00		138.00	40
SCAPULA MEAT		R	117.00	40
TENDERLOINS	145.00		145.00	40
DESTRAPPED TENDERS	152.00		152.00	40
DESTRAPPED TENDERS--FRESH		F	161.84	95
WING MEAT WITH SKIN		F	88.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		W	26.00	11
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED--FRESH 4/	23.00-27.00		25.00	120
EXPORT TRADING				
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	37.00-40.50		38.17	120
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		F	40.00	40
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM				
TAILS		W	25.00	80
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		W	23.00	104
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN		R	85.00	40

1/ CODES FOR LAST SIGNIFICANT TRADE (L.S.T.): M=MONDAY T=TUESDAY W=WEDNESDAY R=THURSDAY F=FRIDAY

2/ Breasts are bagged; rib, back, and wing meat included; and basted.

3/ Boneless and skinless without tenderloins.

4/ 15-20% fat with skin added.

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The market tone on tom drums and tom necks was steady, hen and tom v-type wings were weak. Supplies of tom drums were irregularly available, tom necks were adequate, hen and tom v-type wing inventories were building. Supplies of fresh and frozen mechanically separated turkey were short of demand and the market tone was firm. Fresh scapula traded at 122-123 and ground neck meat at 43 cent delivered. Export activity was moderate. Tom necks sold at 20-20.5 and fresh tom drums at 39 cents.

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BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/						
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A--FRESH 2/		F	101.86	210		
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/	93.00		93.00	120	93.00	120
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	38.00-40.00		39.45	55	38.38	455
DRUMSTICKS, TOM--FRESH		R	40.00	120	40.00	120
DRUMSTICKS, HEN		W	40.00	6	40.00	6
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM		R	37.50	160	37.22	212
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN						
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	45.00-51.00		48.18	85	48.15	213
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		W	89.00	40	89.00	40
NECKS, TOM	19.00-20.00		19.19	37	19.15	166
NECKS, HEN						
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/		R	152.80	100	152.00	460
BREASTS, B/S, TOM--FRESH 3/	153.00-154.00		153.67	30	151.68	315
THIGH MEAT		F	89.00	20		
THIGH MEAT--FRESH		R	93.20	200	93.20	200
BREAST TRIM MEAT		R	138.00	40	136.40	200
SCAPULA MEAT	117.00		117.00	40	117.00	40
TENDERLOINS		R	145.00	40	145.00	40
DESTRAPPED TENDERS		R	152.00	40	151.00	200
WING MEAT WITH SKIN		F	88.00	40		
DESTRAPPED TENDERS--FRESH	169.00-170.00		169.62	65	169.62	65
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		W	26.00	11	26.00	11
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED--FRESH 4/	23.00-25.00		24.71	140	24.60	300
EXPORT TRADING						
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	38.00-40.00		39.60	200	37.87	760
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS	31.00-36.00		32.39	144	32.39	144
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	37.00		37.00	104	37.00	104
TAILS		W	25.00	80	25.00	80
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		W	23.00	104	23.33	302
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN						

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